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MEGALOMANIA
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6-11-8 POLICE-BOX
A SECRET INVESTIGATION!?
WHAT DID REBECCA LEARN FROM HER SECRET INVESTIGATION...!?
WE WERE A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT WHERE ALL OF IT WAS COMING FROM.
A LARGE AMOUNT OF THE DRUG CALLED THE SAKUKA FRUIT WAS FOUND IN THE CAMPANELLA FAMILY'S HIDEOUT.
MS. REBECCA, YOU WERE WORKING ON SOMETHING THAT COOL!?
AND I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE ANYMORE...
STUPID WORDS LIKE THAT,
THAT'S SO TYPICAL OF YOU, CANON. I LOVE IT.
SO WE HAD MS. REBECCA TAKE A CASUAL PEEK AT WHAT WAS GOING ON

CHAPTER 3: FRUIT OF FASCINATION

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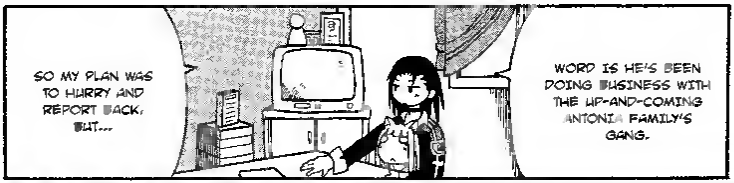
IF YOU CUT TO THE CHASE, IT'S THE AJINS THAT ARE PULLIN IT IN.
THEY BRING IT IN FROM THE SOUTHERN PLANTATIONS, A HANDFUL HERE, A HANDFUL THERE.
HERE'S WHAT I GOT--
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DOUGH.
NEITHER AJINS NOR HUMANS ARE THAT TRUE TO EACH OTHER.
BUT DOESN'T THAT SEEM STRANGE?
THEY WOULDN'T MAKE THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS SUFFER LIKE THAT.
EARL LITTLE.
THE TEA?
NOT EXACTLY.
TAKE EARL LITTLE, FOR EXAMPLE.
A FOLLOWING HAS STARTED TO APPEAR BEHIND HIM.

LITTLE EARL LITTLE.
THE MYSTERY MAN BEHIND THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHERE HE'S FROM OR WHAT HIS AIMS ARE; HE'S A PRETTY CREEPY BASTARD.


SO MY PLAN WAS TO HURRY AND REPORT BACK; BUT...
WORD IS HE'S BEEN DOING BUSINESS WITH THE UP-AND-COMING ANTONIA FAMILY'S GANG.

AHH, ONE MORE THING.
THE SAKUKA FRUIT'S GETTING SPREAD AROUND SO MUCH THAT IT AIN'T A BIG THING IN THE SLUMS ANYMORE.
EVEN LITTLE AJIN KIDS ARE GETTING HIGH OFF THIS STUFF.

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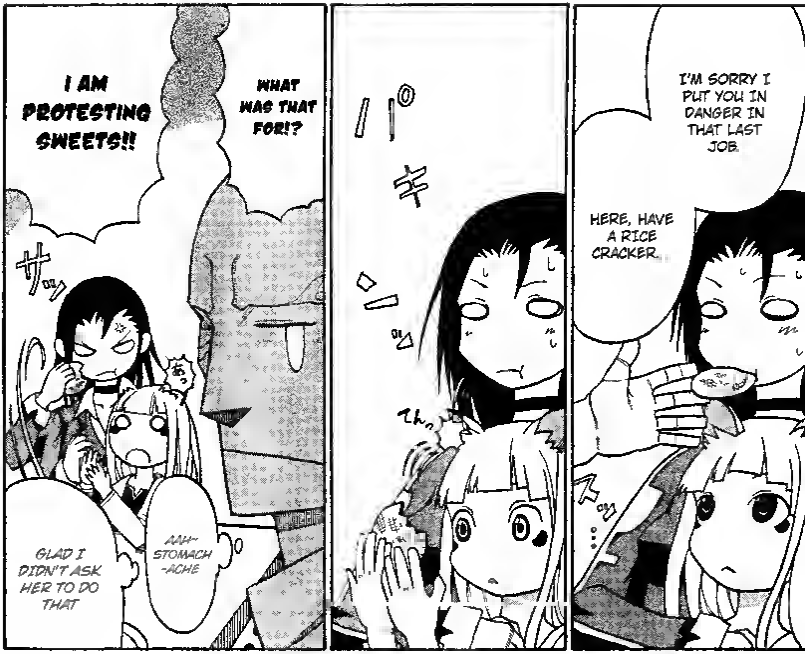
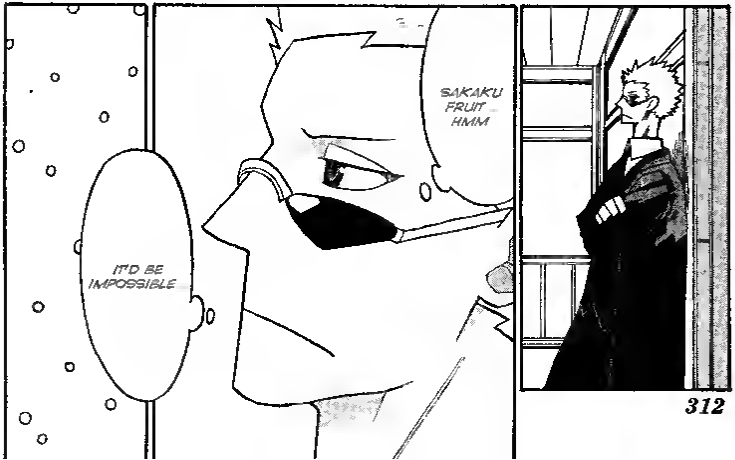
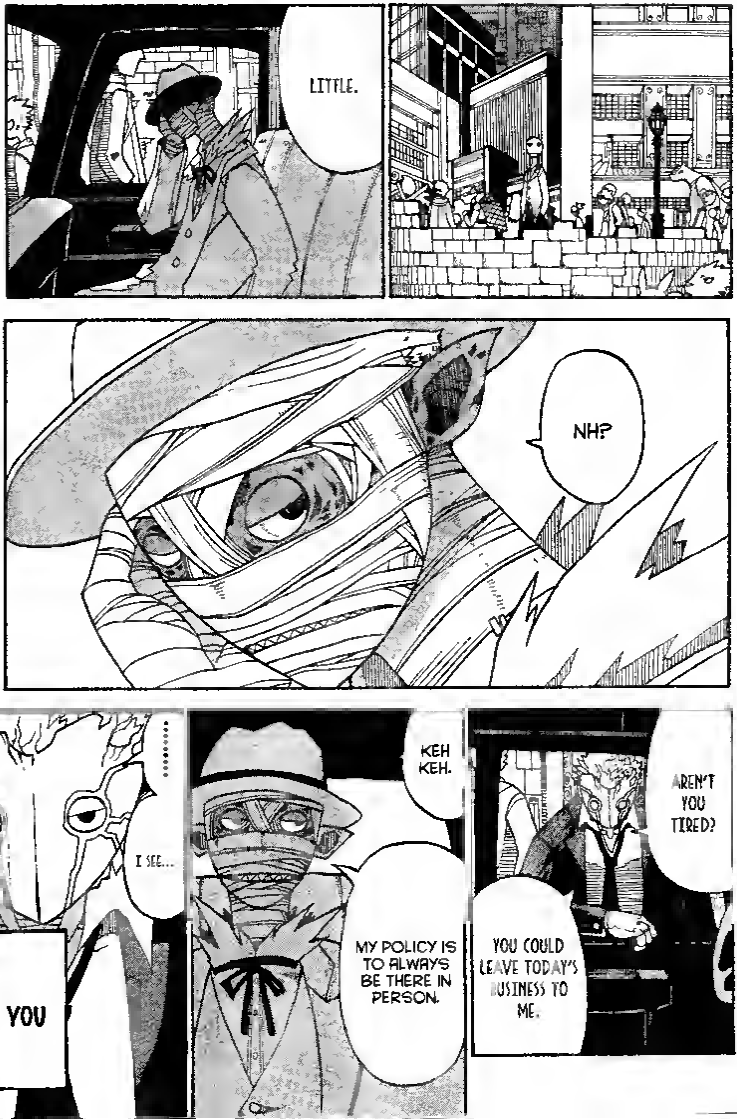
THE SITUATION IS NOT LOOKING GOOD...
CHIEF~
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GONNA LET THESE THUGS GET AWAY WITH THIS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES...
I'LL PASS THE WORD ON TO THE 1ST DIVISION.
RIGHT. DISMISSED.
HEH?
IS THIS YOUR PLAN FOR PROMOTION BY TYING US UP AND GETTING BNFFY-BNFFY WITH THE HIGHER-UPS!?
THAT'S STUPID!!
I WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING SO HORRIBLE!!
LEAVE IT TO THE 1ST DIV.
THIS ISN'T OUR JOB TO DEAL WITH ANYMORE.
WUEH!?


I AM PROTESTING SWEETS!!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
GLAD I DIDN'T ASK HER TO DO THAT
AAH~ STOMACH -ACHE
I'M SORRY I PUT YOU IN DANGER IN THAT LAST JOB.
HERE, HAVE A RICE CRACKER.


SAKAKU FRUIT... HMM
IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE


LITTLE.
NH?
AREN'T YOU TIRED?
YOU COULD LEAVE TODAY'S BUSINESS TO ME.
KEH KEH.
MY POLICY IS TO ALWAYS BE THERE IN PERSON.
I SEE...
YOU

NOT PEOPLE, NOT AJIN
NO ONE BELIEVES YOU, DO THEY
EVEN I DON'T, EITHER---
IT'S LIKELY THAT
HEAVY
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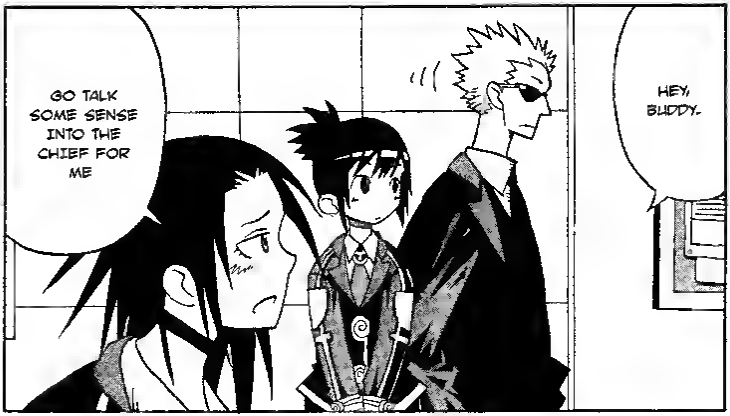
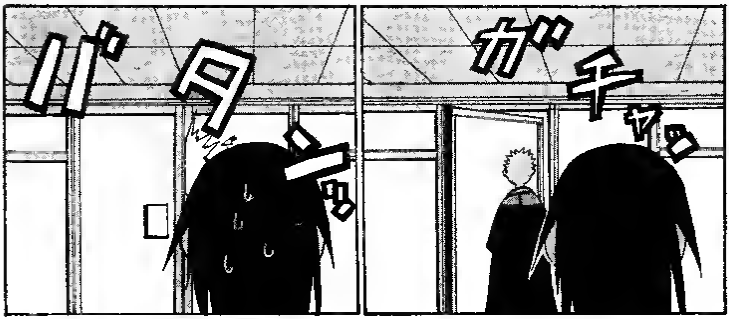
DON'T...DON'T GIVE UP HOPE...
THIS IS DEPRESSING...
NOT GOOD... THIS ISN'T GOOD...
WHERE DID ALL MY HARD WORK GO...


GO TALK SOME SENSE INTO THE CHIEF FOR ME
HEY, BUDDY.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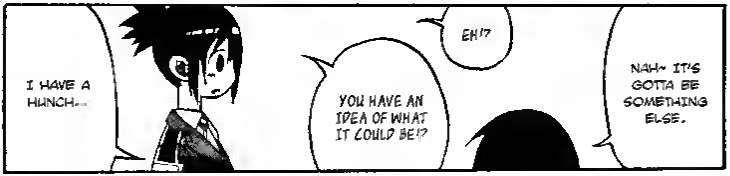
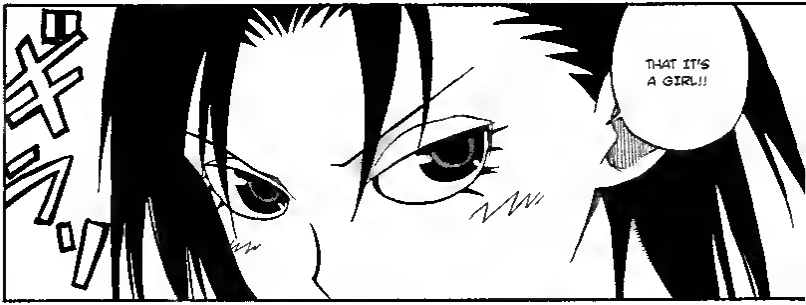
WHERE'S HE OFF TO, ANYWAY.
WE'RE WORKING, HERE!!
HE DEPOSITED A LOT OF MONEY INTO THE BANK YESTERDAY...
MAYBE HE WENT TO BUY SOMETHING?

YOU LISTEN TO ME--!!
PLEASE DON'T THROW THINGS !!


I HAVE A HUNCH...
YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT IT COULD BE!?
EH!?
NAH~ IT'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING ELSE.


THAT IT'S A GIRL!!

I THINK YOU MAY BE OVER-GENERALIZ -ING A BIT THERE...
IF A GUY'S GOT CASH, HE'S GONNA USE IT ON EITHER GAMBLING OR WOMEN...
BUT WITH HIM, YOU NEVER KNOW...

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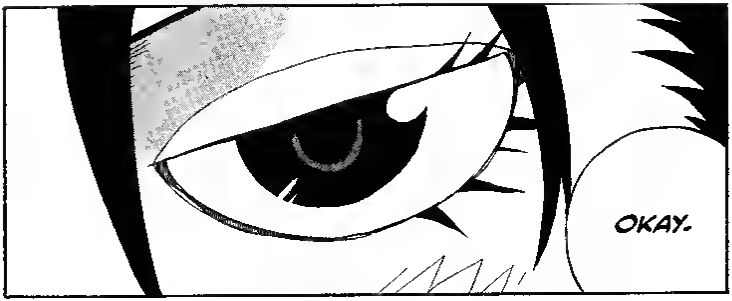
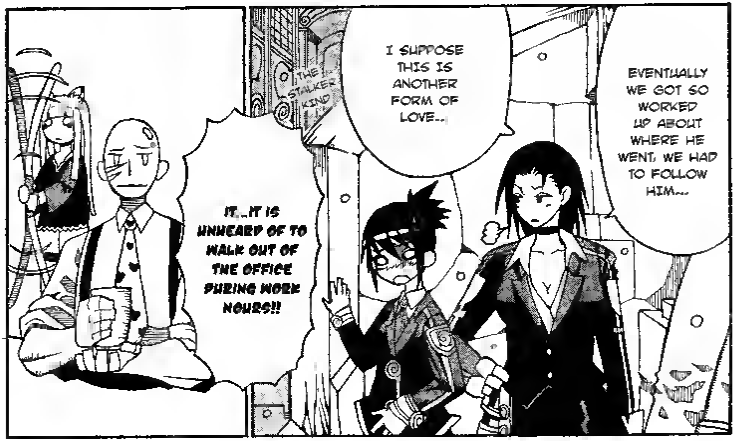
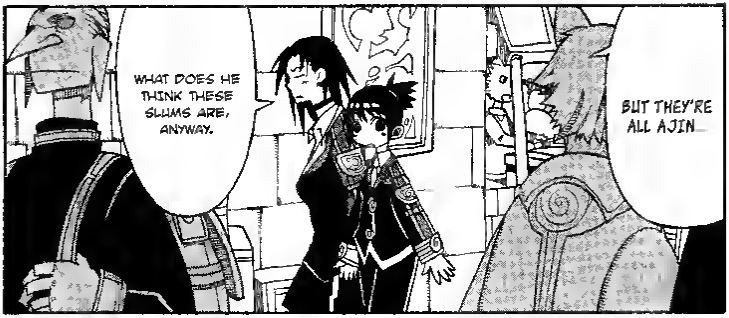
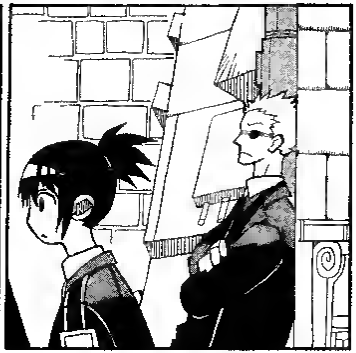
BUT WHAT COULD IT BE
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANY RUMORS ABOUT HIM LIKE THAT...
BUT STILL..


OKAY.

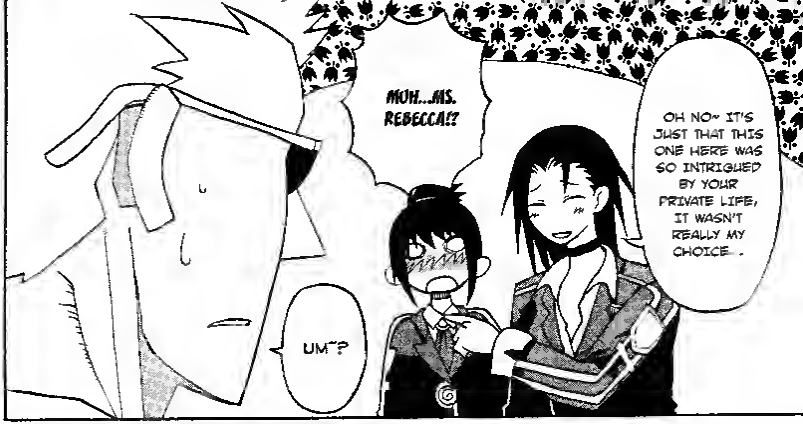

EVENTUALLY WE GOT SO WORKED UP ABOUT WHERE HE WENT, WE HAD TO FOLLOW HIM...
I SUPPOSE THIS IS ANOTHER FORM OF LOVE...
THE STALKER KIND
IT...IT IS UNHEARD OF TO WALK OUT OF THE OFFICE DURING WORK HOURS!!


WHAT DOES HE THINK THESE SLUMS ARE, ANYWAY.
BUT THEY'RE ALL AJIN...

AH.

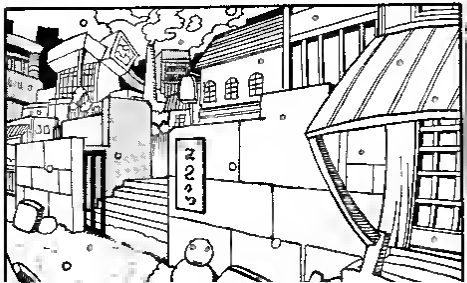


SO YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME
WHAT THE HELL?


MUH...MS. REBECCA!?
OH NO~ IT'S JUST THAT THIS ONE HERE WAS SO INTRIGUED BY YOUR PRIVATE LIFE, IT WASN'T REALLY MY CHOICE...
UM~?

I, I WONDERED WHERE YOU WERE GOING~
AND STUFF?

WELL~
AAH, UM, I JUST
.....
IT'S JUST THAT...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HEY, MISTER!!
OLD GUY!!
AH!
OWPH
I AIN'T OLD!!
CALL ME "BRO"
I AM SORRY ABOUT THIS,
PACHELBEL.
DUNNO.
WHAT... WHAT IS IT...

IF YOU REALLY MEAN THAT, MAKE AN EFFORT TO MANAGE THINGS YERSELF, WILL YA
OF COURSE ...
WHAT?
THAT ENVELOPE.
IT'S FROM THE BANK.
THAT MONEY WAS FOR THESE PEOPLE..?
THIS IS--
AN ORPHANAGE
WHAT IS IT?

THIS IS WHERE I GREW UP.
EH?
YOU'RE HOME WAS IN THE SLUMS, SIR?
OLD GUY!! LET'S HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT!!
COME ON--!!
YOW!
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MM!?
I STILL HAVE PLENTY OF YOUTH IN THESE BONES!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT!!
JEEZ
GO HOME, YOU.
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES, THOSE KITTY CAT EARS~
OH MY~!! WHAT CUTE LITTLE KIDDIES WE HAVE HERE~!!
I KNEW FROM THE SMELL SOMEHOW...
YOU MUST SUFFER QUITE A LOT.
YOU.
YOU ARE MIXED RACE, ARE YOU NOT?
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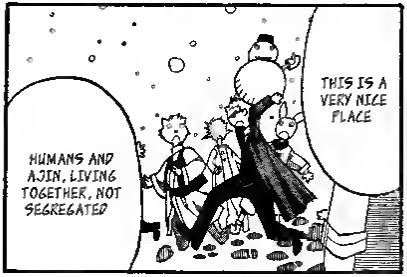
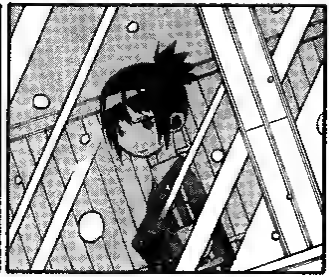
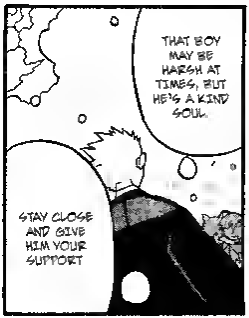
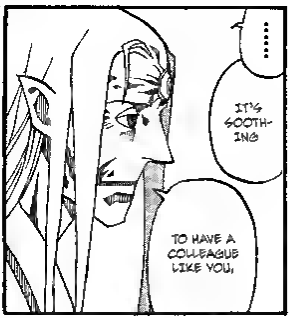

THIS IS A VERY NICE PLACE
HUMANS AND AJIN, LIVING TOGETHER, NOT SEGREGATED



SINCE I'M BOTH,
I ALWAYS IMAGINED
THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS


THAT BOY MAY BE HARSH AT TIMES, BUT HE'S A KIND SOUL.
STAY CLOSE AND GIVE HIM YOUR SUPPORT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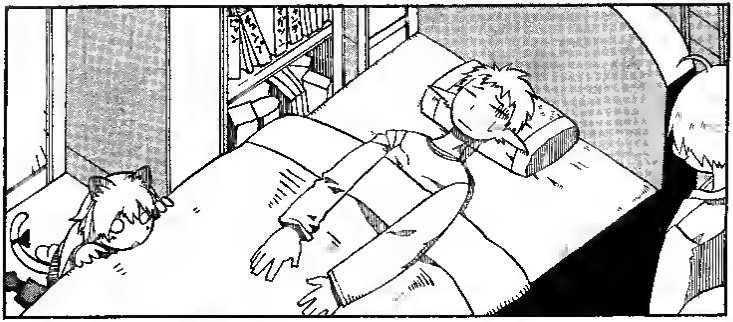
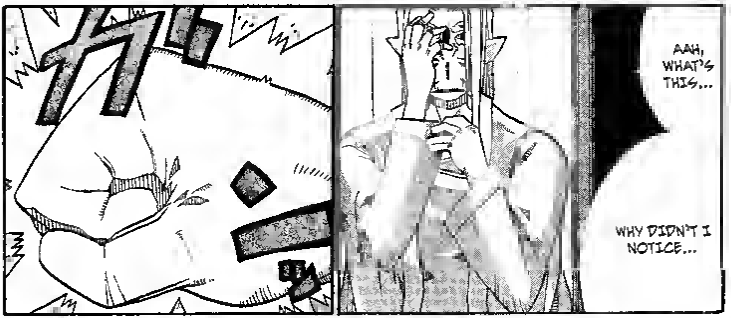
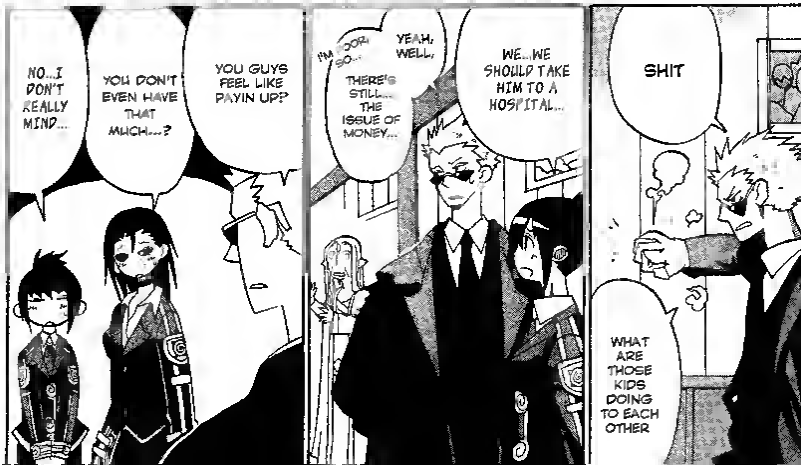
IT'S SOOTHING
TO HAVE A COLLEAGUE LIKE YOU,

...OKAY!
OLD GUY!!
COME 'ERE!! OVER HERE!!
THAT TREY KID IS BACK, BUT...
HE LOOKS DIFFERENT...!!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
THIS IS...

HHH2
HHH2
I KNEW I WAS HANGING OUT WITH SOME WEIRD GUYS
IF I HELPED THEM WITH THEIR WORK, THEY SAID THEY'D GIVE ME DRUGS
I KNEW...
I KNEW, BUT...
THEY TOLD ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE. I WAS...SCARED...
DRUGS...
SAKUKA FRUIT WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS--



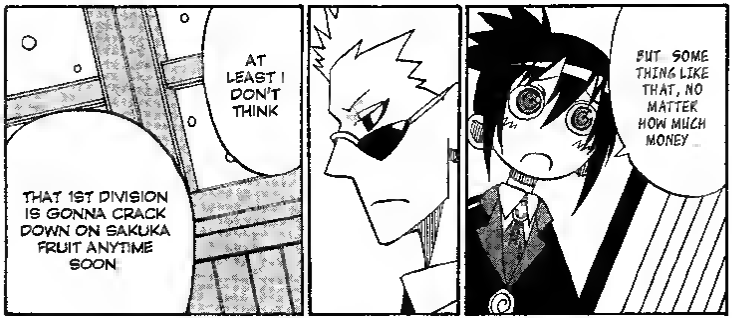

AAH, WHAT'S THIS...
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE...

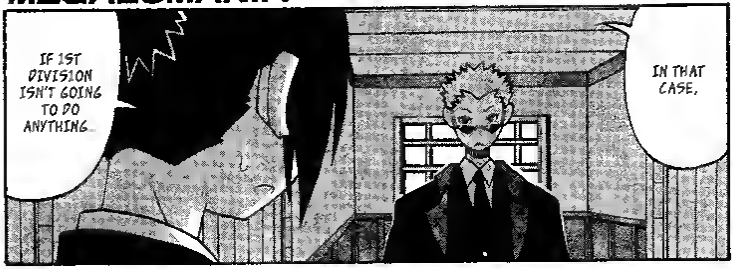

SHIT
WHAT ARE THOSE KIDS DOING TO EACH OTHER
WE...WE SHOULD TAKE HIM TO A HOSPITAL...
YEAH, WELL,
SO...
THERE'S STILL... THE ISSUE OF MONEY...
YOU GUYS FEEL LIKE PAYIN UP?
NO...I DON'T REALLY MIND...
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT MUCH...?

WE NEED TO STOP MR EARL LITTLE FROM DOING HIS DRUG DEALS.
IF WE DON'T GET RID OF THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM, THERE WILL BE MORE VICTIMS.
YOU CALLED HIM MISTER...
BUT SERIOUSLY.
LOOKS LIKE THE SLUMS ARE GETTING WORSE.
EH!?
1ST DIV. ISN'T DOING ANYTHING
FOR HUMANS, THIS IS A GOOD THING.
NO
FOR THE 1ST DIV.
THE ONES IT HURTS BY CIRCULATING ARE ONLY AJINS.
SAKUKA FRUIT DOESN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON HUMANS.

AND THIS MIGHT TURN INTO A STORY OF WHEN I WAS IN 1ST DIV.
BUT THAT GUY LITTLE,
HE'S LAYING ON THE CASH TO THE HIGHER-UP POLICEMEN.

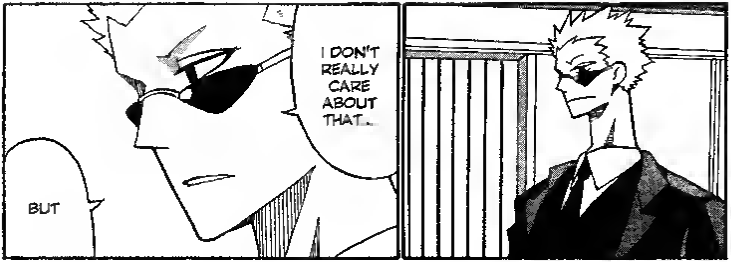
THE POWER OF MONEY IS STRONG.
1ST DIV WON'T DO A THING.

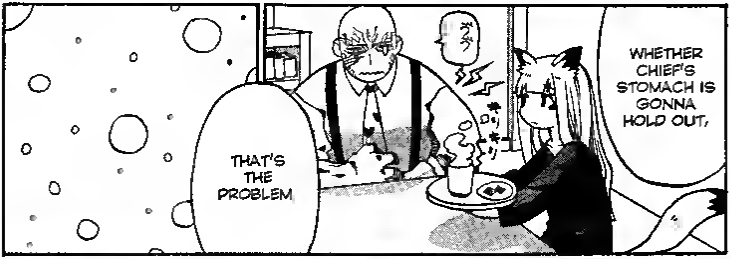

BUT SOME THING LIKE THAT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY...
AT LEAST I DON'T THINK
THAT 1ST DIVISION IS GONNA CRACK DOWN ON SAKUKA FRUIT ANYTIME SOON.


IF 1ST DIVISION ISN'T GOING TO DO ANYTHING...
IN THAT CASE,

WE'RE HERE, AREN'T WE!!

PREYING ON PEOPLE WEAKER THAN ONESELF,
AND MAKING MONEY OFF OF IT!!
WE WON'T ALLOW IT!!


I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT...
BUT


WHETHER CHIEF'S STOMACH IS GONNA HOLD OUT,
THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

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CHILLY, ISN'T IT~

I WONDER IF THE INFORMATION WAS CORRECT
IT LOOKS LIKE NO ONE IS HERE...
TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.
I QUIT MY SPY TRAINING HALFWAY THROUGH WHEN I SAW THESE.
PERHAPS
THAT WASN'T ACTUALLY A GOOD THING
YO, CANON!!
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AGAAH
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO STOP PULLING MY HAIR!?
THEY'RE HERE
THOSE DIRTY SCOUNDRELS ARE COMIN IN ONE AFTER ANOTHER

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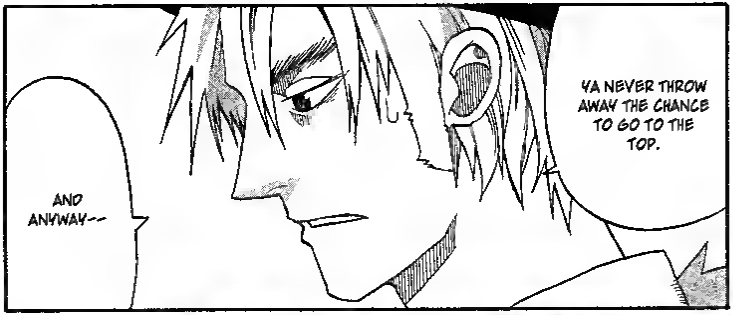
IT'S MY FIRST TIME DEALIN WITH AJINS
BOSS, YOU GONNA BE OKAY?

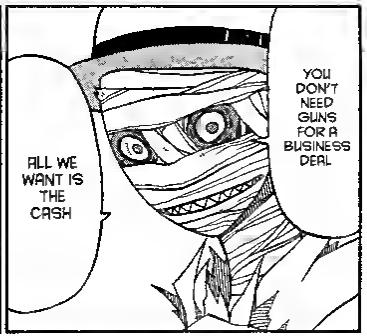

AND ANYWAY--
YA NEVER THROW AWAY THE CHANCE TO GO TO THE TOP.

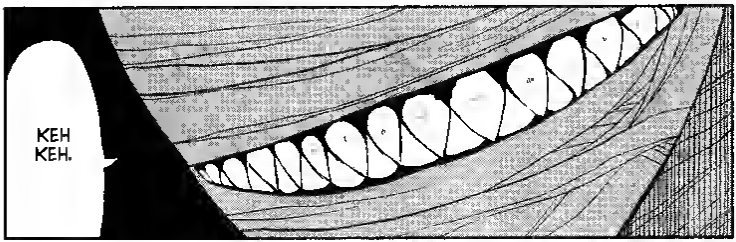
HERE COMES OUR MAN
IT AIN'T GONNA END HERE.

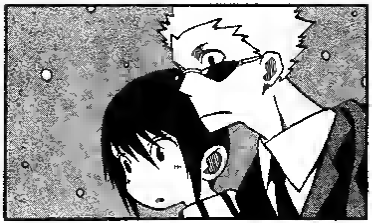
LOOK, SIR.
THERE ARE SO MANY BAD MEN OUT THERE...
THERE ARE SO MANY BAD MEN OUT THERE...
WHA... WHAT DID HE SAY? SECRET AJIN SLANG OR SUMTHIN...
PRETTY CREEPY IF YA ASK ME...
WHAT'RE THEY SAYIN?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!
YOU CAN'T LOOK AT ME PLEADING LIKE THAT AND EXPECT ME TO ANSWER

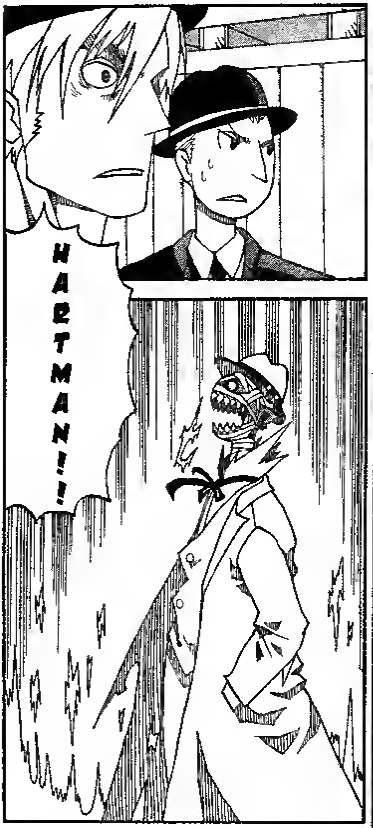
HEH?
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THEM, MS REBECCA?
IN THE SHADOWS
CONTAINER
MANY MORE THAN WE EXPECTED...
NEITHER OF 'EM LOOKS LIKE THEY'D LET THE OTHER GET AWAY ALIVE.
WHAT COULD IT BE...
THESE THUGS.
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT MY CASH, IF YA DON'T MIND, GENTLEMEN.
YOU FINISHED INSPECTING THE GOODS?

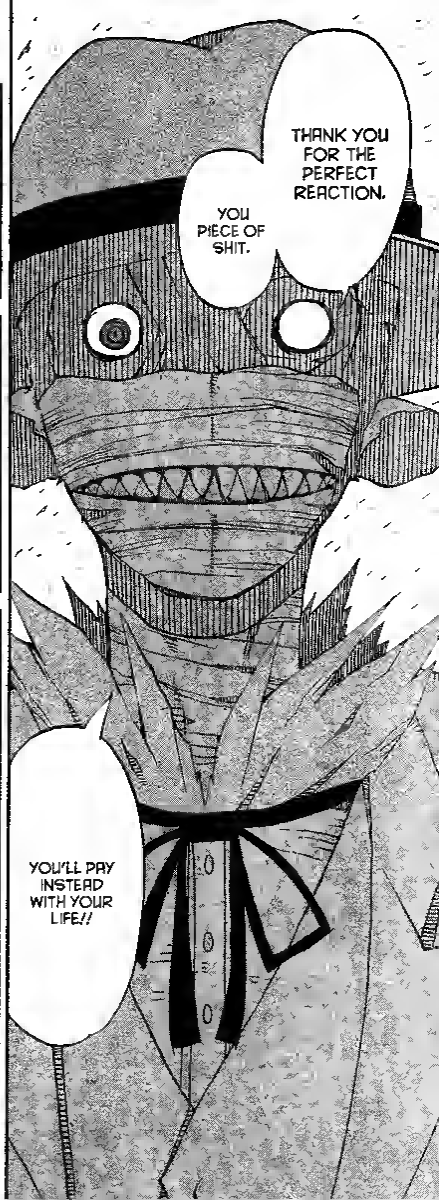
HAH!! WE DON'T GOT MONEY TO GIVE TO YOU AJINS
YOU'RE GONNA DISAPPEAR NOW, PAL!!


YOU DON'T NEED GUNS FOR A BUSINESS DEAL
ALL WE WANT IS THE CASH


KEH KEH.




HARTMAN!!!


THANK YOU FOR THE PERFECT REACTION.
YOU PIECE OF SHIT.
YOU'LL PAY INSTEAD WITH YOUR LIFE!!

EH?
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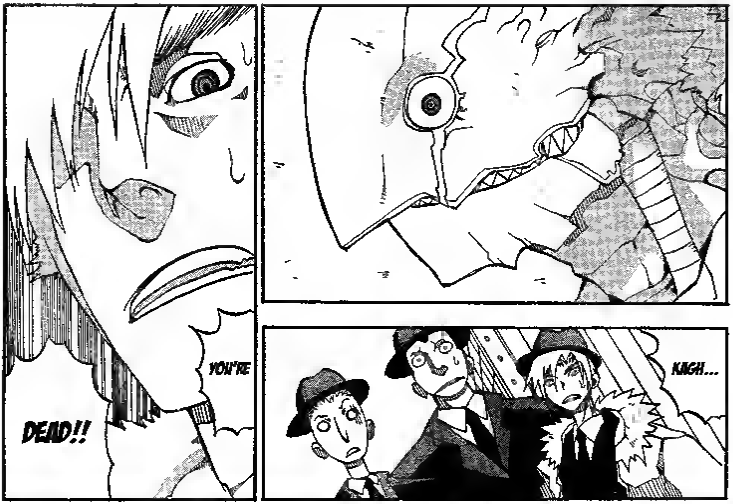
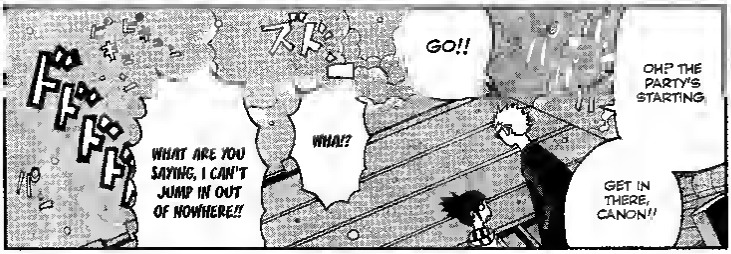

YOU'RE
DEAD!!
KAGH...


GO!!
OH? THE PARTY'S STARTING
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, I CAN'T JUMP IN OUT OF NOWHERE!!
WHA!?
GET IN THERE, CANON!!

AND HOW COULD YOU MAKE A FRAIL LITTLE LADY DO SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS!!
YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE THAT!!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE FIGHTING SCENES AIN'T CHA?
I WOULDN'T CALL A LADY WHO CAN GRIP MORE THAN 500 KILOS FRAIL!!

THEY SURE ARE GETTING ALONG GREAT
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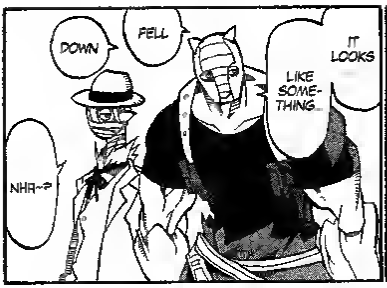
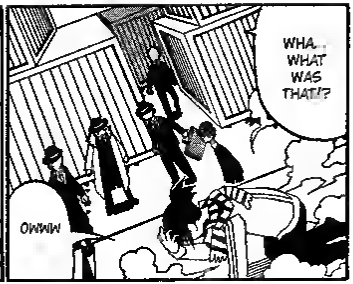
WHA
AAAAA!
HOLY--
!?


DOWN
FELL
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING...
NHA~?


WHA... WHAT WAS THAT!?
OWWW

BUT
EVEN IF IT DID !!

UHH
WHY DID THAT HAVE TO...

WOAH!?

THIS IS THE POLICE!!
I'M TAKING YOU IN, FOR BEING CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ILLEGAL DEALINGS!!
PLEASE COME ALONG PEACEFULLY!!
UH...
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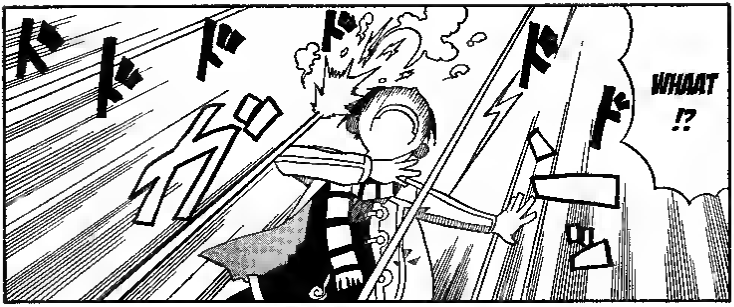
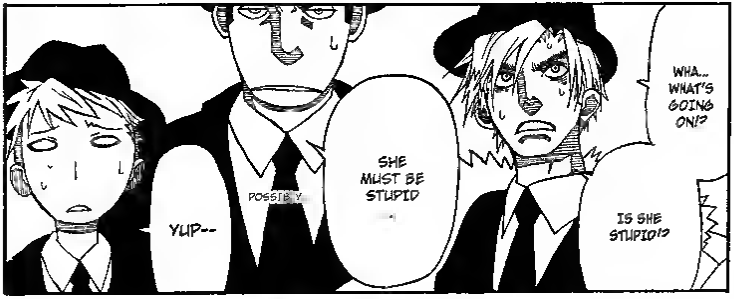

WHAAT
!?


WHA... WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SHE MUST BE STUPID
POSSIBLY
YUP--
IS SHE STUPID!?

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AGUH!?

PLEASE
COME
THIS COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PREDICTED!!
IT...IT'S A-A-ALIVE...
THE HELL!?
QUIETLY!!
HIEEH!?
BO... BOSS!!
SHE JUST ANNIHILATED THE CAMPANELLA FAMILY...
GAH!!
LET'S BOOK IT!!

ARE YOU OKAY CANON !!
DOES THIS FACE LOOK LIKE ITS OKAY TO YOU?
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NO!?
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ガコン
SO...SOMEBODY OPEN UP...!!
NOO---!!
WHY NOT!?
IT...IT WON'T OPEN!?
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HEEH!?
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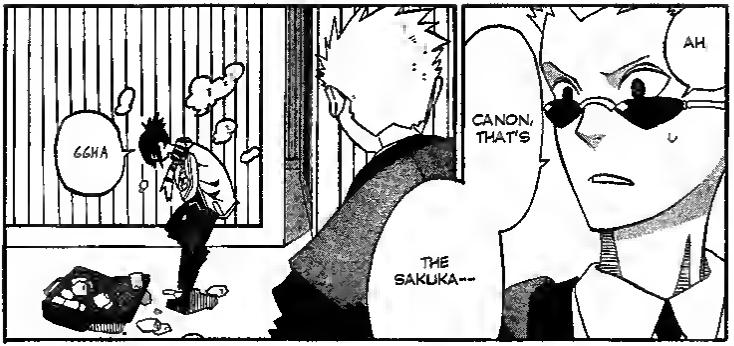
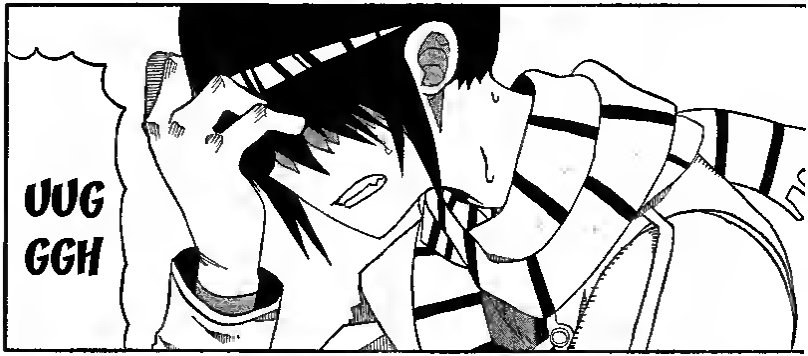
UHHAH
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!
THE WORLD IS GETTING BLURRY
--!!
THIS IS...
IT FEELS NICE SOMEHOW --


AH
CANON, THAT'S
THE SAKUKA---
GGHA


UUG
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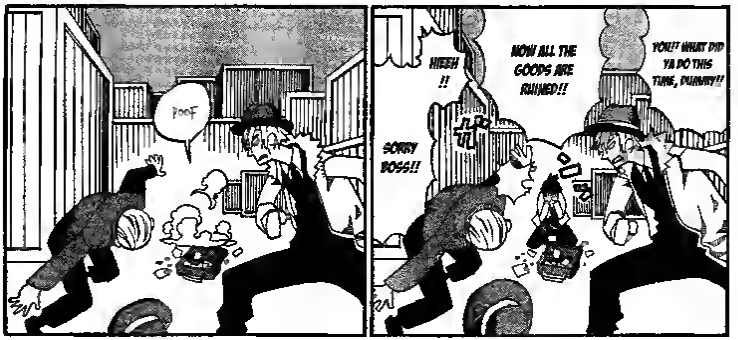
POOF
HIEEH !!
NOW ALL THE GOODS ARE RUINED!!
YOU!! WHAT DID YA DO THIS TIME, DUMMY!!
SORRY BOSS!!!

WHA... WHAT THE HELL!?
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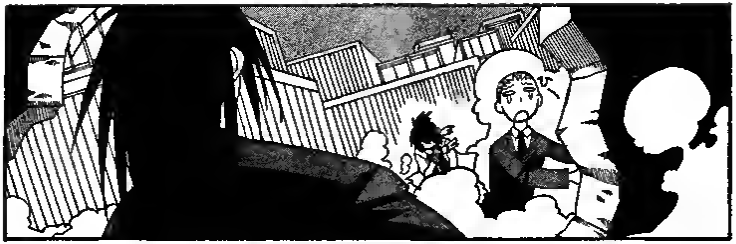
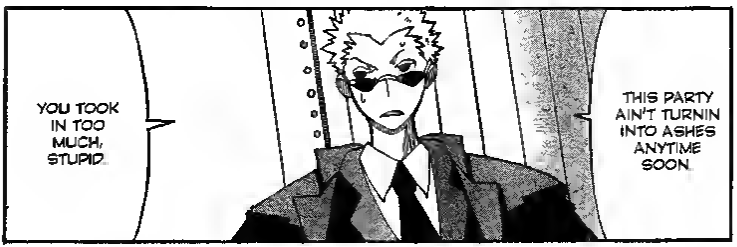
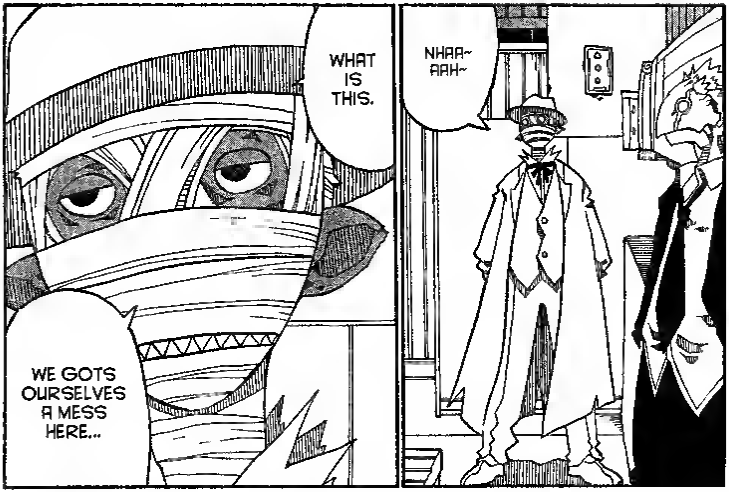
UUWA!?

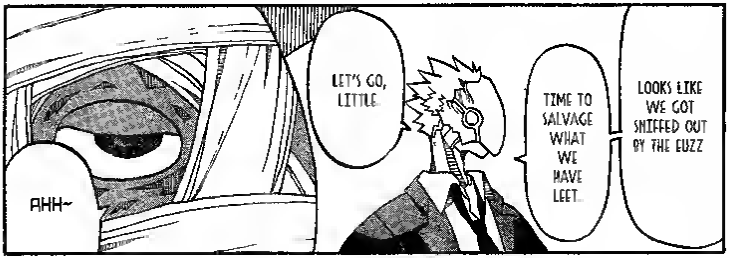


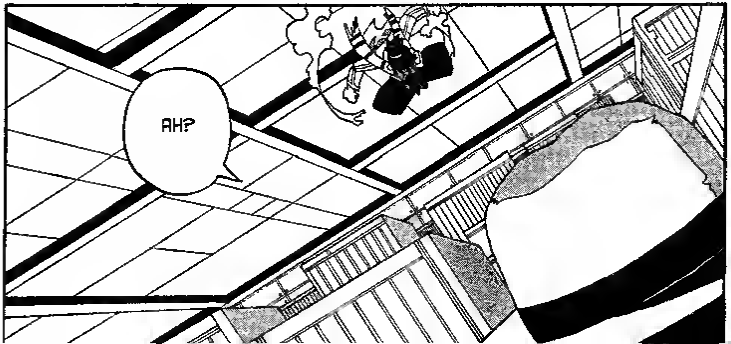
UGGHH
UGH...

UGH


YOU TOOK IN TOO MUCH, STUPID.
THIS PARTY AIN'T TURNIN INTO ASHES ANYTIME SOON.


WHAT IS THIS.
WE GOTS OURSELVES A MESS HERE...
NHAA~ AAH~


AHH~
LET'S GO, LITTLE.
TIME TO SALVAGE WHAT WE HAVE LEFT.
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT SNIFFED OUT BY THE BUZZ


AH?

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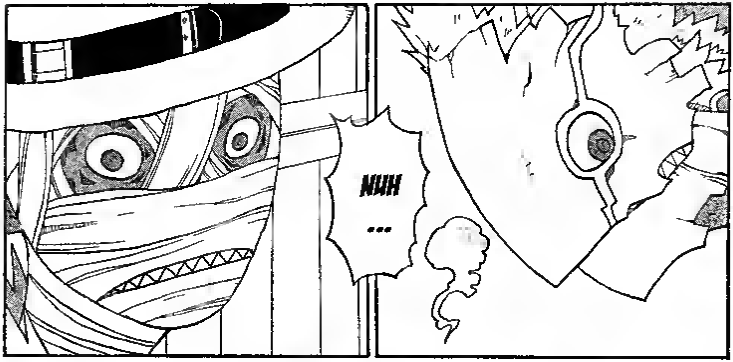
...A DEMON...!?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE!?

HARTMAN!!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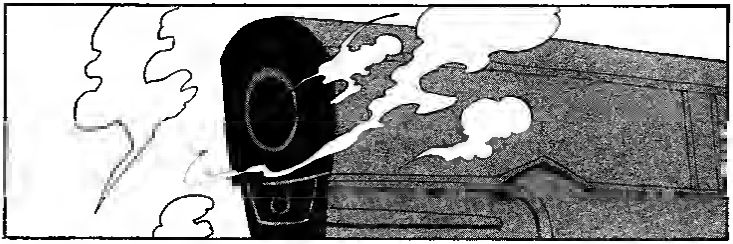

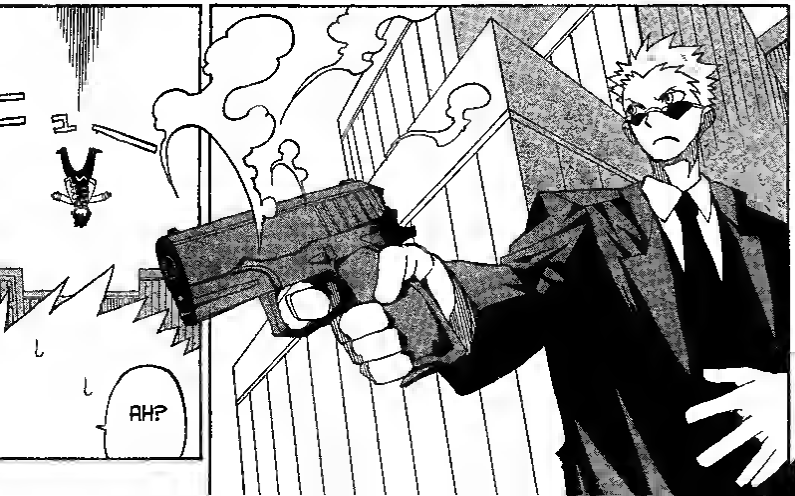
AH?

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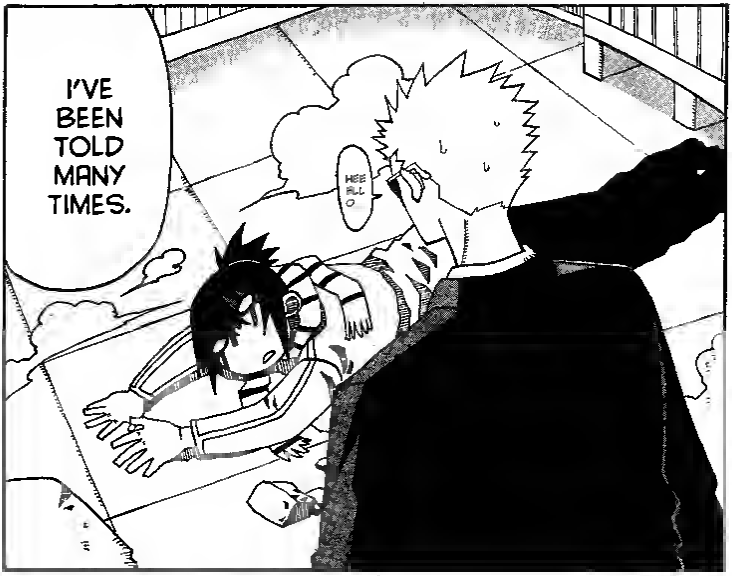
メキャッ
UWWAH
THAT DIDN'T SOUND GOOD"
YOU ALRI..
YO, CANON !!
NHAA.
CAN'T BELIEVE THEY FOUND US HERE
?
YOU KNOW?
I CAN'T FIT
AAH.
I KNOW VERY WELL.


I'VE BEEN TOLD MANY TIMES.
HEE HEE HEE

THE BLOOD OF A DEMON.
KEH KEH.
THAT'LL MAKE FOR SOME GOOD STORIES.
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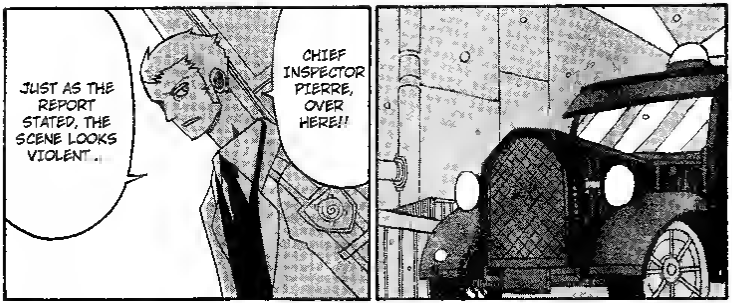
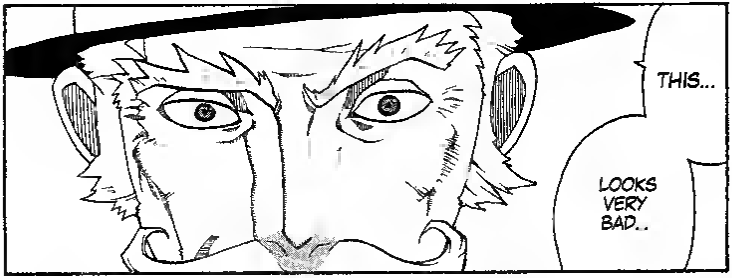

JUST AS THE REPORT STATED, THE SCENE LOOKS VIOLENT..
CHIEF INSPECTOR PIERRE, OVER HERE!!


THIS...
LOOKS VERY BAD..

SOMETHING EXPLODE IN HERE OR WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

HEEY
I CAME TO VISIT--
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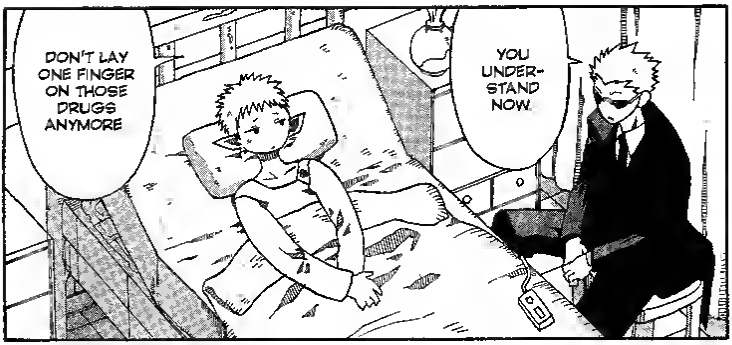
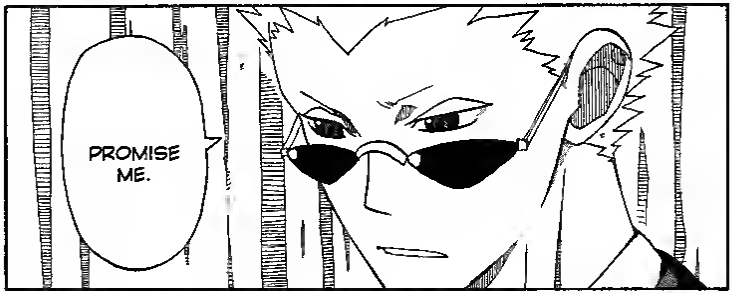
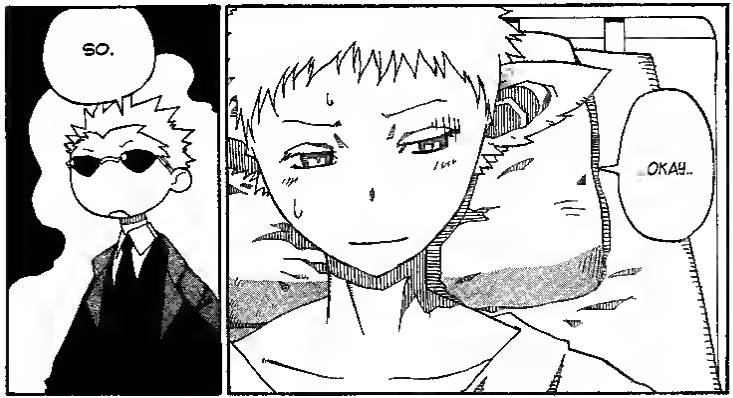
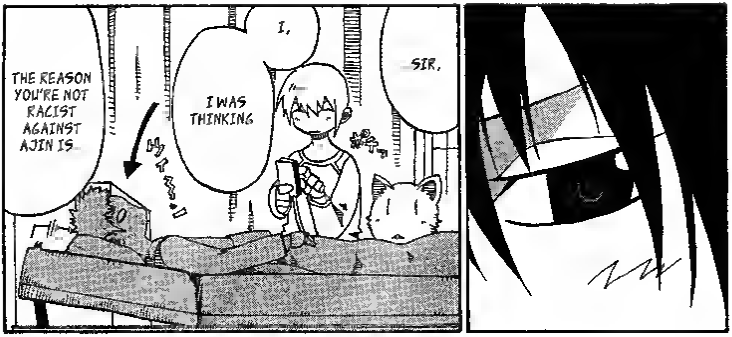
! AIN'T OLD!!
UGAP HU
AH,
MISTER... I'M SORRY
I MADE THE LADY WORRIED.
I...
MISTER OLD GUY!!

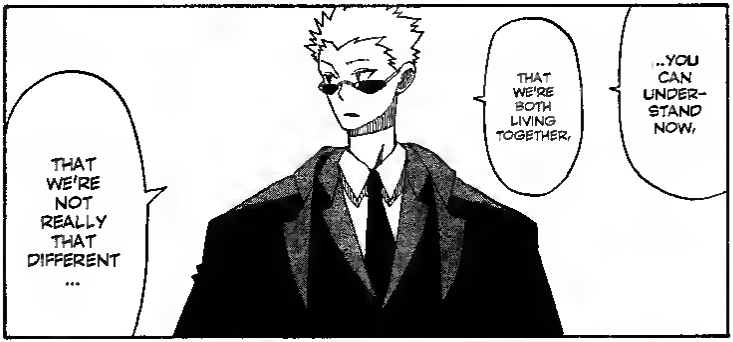

DON'T LAY ONE FINGER ON THOSE DRUGS ANYMORE
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW.


PROMISE ME.

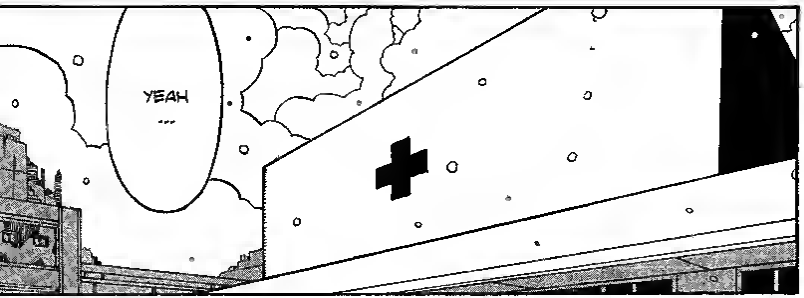

SO.
OKAY..

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SICK, TOO
YOU INHALED A LOT OF THAT SAKUKA FRUIT.
PLEASE DON'T LAUGH.
STILL...
EVERYTHING'S SO FLUFFY...
HOW'RE YOU HOLDING UPP
CANON.
I'M SORRY.
BUT IN THE END, MR. EARL LITTLE STILL GOT AWAY, DIDN'T HE.
IT'S NOT ALL YOUR FAULT.
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT


THE REASON YOU'RE NOT RACIST AGAINST AJIN IS...
I WAS THINKING
I,
SIR,


THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY THAT DIFFERENT...
THAT WE'RE BOTH LIVING TOGETHER,
..YOU CAN UNDER-STAND NOW,

COULD BECOME LIKE THAT ORPHANAGE SOMEDAY...
IF ONLY THE REST OF THE WORLD


YEAH
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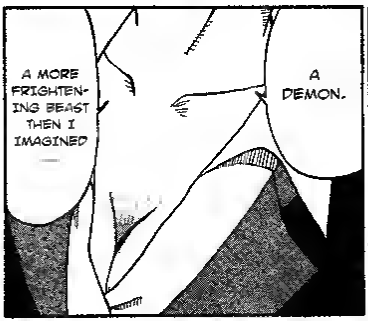
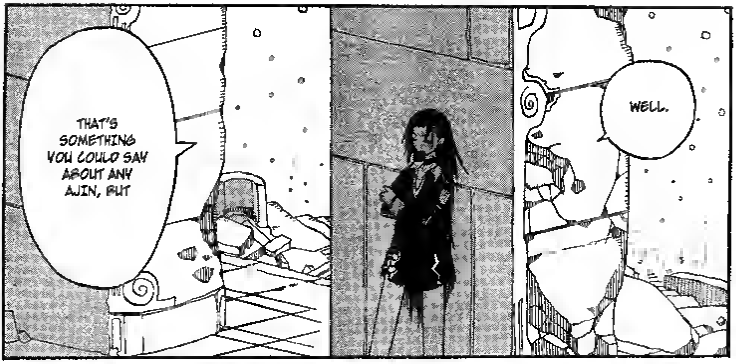
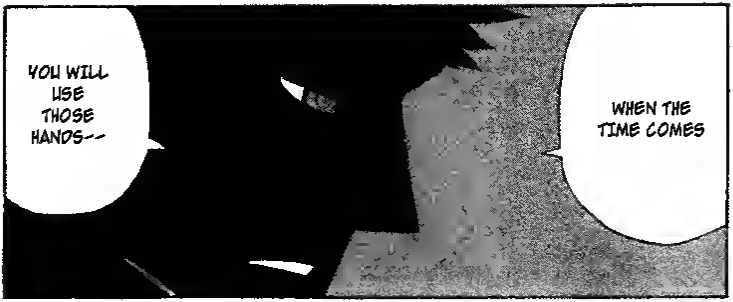

A MORE FRIGHTENING BEAST THEN I IMAGINED
A DEMON.


THAT'S SOMETHING YOU COULD SAY ABOUT ANY AJIN, BUT
WELL.

THERE ARE STILL TRACES OF IT IN THE BOWELS OF THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT
THE CHAINS THAT BOUND THEM IN THE OLD WORLD WILL SOON BE ELIMINATED.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MAN AND AJIN WILL BE OVERTURNED.
WHEN THOSE DISAPPEAR,

THOSE THAT CREATED SUCH THINGS,
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY MADE A MISTAKE OR NOT...
THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT LOOK LIKE PEOPLE
EVEN WITH MIXED BLOOD,
IT'S STILL A DANGEROUS ANIMAL
...CONTINUE YOUR OBSERVATION.



TO KILL IT.

DEMON BLOOD RUNS, COMPLICATIONS FORESEEN...!!

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